

18 Jan. 1983  
Letter to Betty V. from Barbara Bush re  
thank you for Stanley's info for survival &  
retirement for Stanley  
& response to staffer's note re. Mrs. Bush's involvement

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3 March 1982

Mrs. Susan Porter Rose,  
Chief of Staff to Mrs. Bush  
Office of the Vice President  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Rose,

Thank you for your letter of 18 February 1982.  
We appreciate your prompt response.

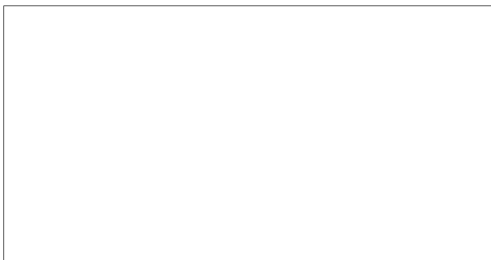
While we are sorry that Mrs. Bush cannot become directly involved at this time, we understand that there are many demands made upon her time and her sympathy.

As you suggested, we shall be happy to keep her apprised. Perhaps as the issue is developed more fully and the possibilities for action become evident, we can write to her again about progress made in providing retirement and survivor benefits for widowed and divorced spouses of CIA officers.

Sincerely,

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Dear 

How much I appreciated your informative and sincere letter regarding retirement and survivor benefits for former spouses of CIA officers. Although I am in sympathy with the situation of women affected by circumstances as you described, it is difficult for me to commit without having more information about this important issue. I have requested that the Central Intelligence Agency send me a brief paper setting forth the Agency's position on the legislative proposal discussed in your letter and their comments on these problems. I know that this subject is currently the subject of consideration by the Agency, and I feel I must review the issue before I respond further.

I am grateful for your writing, and you and the Association of American Foreign Service Women are to be commended for your efforts on behalf of many worthy American women.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

*Sandra Basch*

*I wish I could give you a better answer!*